CPMT Review of N5- Coordination Project Inception Report  
  
  
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**Evaluation of N5 Coordination Project Inception Report**  
  
1    Peer Assist  
  
**1.1    Explanations of any changes made to the Project Workbook**   
  
The workbook changes are clear, and the changes in dates in the milestone plan seem like realistic adjustments. The inclusion of lead institution, interdependencies and team member for each activity in the Gantt chart is clarifying and is appreciated, a change that perhaps can be encouraged for other projects. The changes in budget related to N. Manning are well explained.

Note for the future that changes in the budget beyond those stated in Clause 8.03(c) (i.e. if more than 5% or US$5,000 then formal approval from the CPWF is required.

You have been very open and ready to champion the M&E ideas proposed, and has done a great effort to understand and use the materials. Involving other people from the team in the actual handling of the documents is a suggested next step that will be helpful for the Coordination Project leaders.   
  
  
**1.2    Key project inception insights (on bottlenecks, major achievements and lessons learned?)**

**Bottlenecks:** Comments on the difficulties of forging a coherent team and program are given already in the BDC report.  The difficulty of engaging with CRS is noted with disappointment.  The review of the original proposal had questioned the low budget allocated to CRS.    
  
**Major achievements:** Your self-reflection questions are excellent.    
  
Excellent progress has been made on internal communications.  However, as is to be expected, more work needs to be done to meet existing and new needs.  ACTION: Respond to projects’ requests for help with communications and clarify roles and responsibilities with respect to project versus N5 versus KM team.  
  
I am happy to see that N5 and N2 worked together to select sites.  But do other projects agree?  A trip was made to one site which is commended, but what about the other sites.  ACTION: Please send the CPMT a short report justifying site selection and demonstrating NBDC commitment to the sites.  
  
It is very good that N5 is processing N2 site diagnostic data for other uses including for use as baseline information.    
  
I am happy to see that N5 is looking to build on existing platforms and initiatives rather than set up new ones.    
  
The NBC launch workshop was indeed a success in publicising and explaining what the NBDC is setting out to do to a diverse set of actors.  ACTION: Continue to invite key stakeholders to NBDC reflection events.  Include all NBDC projects in selecting who attends.    
  
  
**1.3    Partnerships entered into and their relevance to project and program goals**   
  
See comments on partnership in the BDC Inception Report section above.  
  
**1.4     Needs from CPWF (e.g., CPMT, CPWF KM team, capacity building)**

See response in the evaluation of the BDC Inception Report

**1.5    General comments**  
  
A good report  
  
  
2    Compliance (contract documents and financial)  
  
**2.1    Recommendation to CPMT whether to accept changes made to Project Workbook and rationale given, including whether changes requested at time of contracting have been adequately addressed**

**ACCEPT**

We can continue to work with the Coordination Project Leader and team to improve and analyze the Project workbook and other M&E materials. Of particular interest is how to operationalize the baseline plan.

* ***What must be fixed by the time of the next progress report (March, default) or in a shorter time period (specify)?***

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Any remaining MOUs must be completed and submitted.  
  
**2.2    Recommendation to CPMT whether documents Project submitted in fulfilment of Standard Clause 3.03 are acceptable**

* ***What is CPMT recommendation and commentary?***

**ACCEPT**

* ***What must be fixed by the time of the next progress report (default, March) or in a shorter time period (specify)?***

**2.3  Recommendation to the CPMT whether to accept the Project statement of receipts and expenditures including narrative summary and status report of partner disbursements and expenditures**

* ***What is CPMT recommendation and commentary?***

***ACCEPT.*** *The first tranche payment of $178,162 was received, with reported expenditures of $121,895, and $10k of commitment for a total of $131,895. Holding a balance of $46,267. Adjustment in budget acceptable.*

* ***What must be fixed by the time of the next progress report (default, March) or in a shorter time period (specify)?***

***No requirements.***

**2.4    Taking into account the three points above, the Project Inception Report as a whole, and other pertinent information, recommend and justify whether Project progress is satisfactory, unsatisfactory, or whether it should be terminated**

* ***What is CPMT recommendation and commentary?***

Program Manager recommendation:  Satisfactory   
  
  
Date of Program Manager approval: 9 December, 2010  
  
MT Lead recommendation: Satisfactory  
  
  
Date of MT lead approval …......9 December 2010....................